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## **Decision Cover Letter**

## **Decision of the licensing authority to:**

agree a paediatric investigation plan and grant a deferral and grant a waiver MHRA-100788-PIP01-22

# **Scope of the Application**

**Active Substance(s)** 

favezelimab; PEMBROLIZUMAB

Condition(s)

Treatment of Hodgkin lymphoma

**Pharmaceutical Form(s)** 

Concentrate for solution for infusion

**Route(s) of Administration** 

**INTRAVENOUS USE** 

Name / Corporate name of the PIP applicant

Merck Sharp & Dohme (UK) Ltd

#### **Basis for the Decision**

Pursuant to the Human Medicines Regulations 2012, Merck Sharp & Dohme (UK) Ltd submitted to the licensing authority on 12/12/2022 16:53 GMT an application for a Paediatric Investigation Plan

The procedure started on 27/03/2023 10:18 BST

1. The licensing authority, having assessed the application in accordance with the Human Medicines Regulations 2012, decides, as set out in the appended summary report:

to agree a paediatric investigation plan and grant a deferral and grant a waiver

2. The measures and timelines of the paediatric investigation plan are set out in the Annex I.

This decision is forwarded to the applicant, together with its annex and appendix.



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## **Final Decision Letter**

MHRA-100788-PIP01-22

Of 15/06/2023 18:29 BST

On the adopted decision for favezelimab; PEMBROLIZUMAB (MHRA-100788-PIP01-22) in accordance with the Human Medicines Regulations 2012.

The licensing authority, in accordance with the Human Medicines Regulations 2012, has adopted this decision:

Agreement on a paediatric investigation plan

This decision applies to a Paediatric Investigation Plan for favezelimab; PEMBROLIZUMAB, Concentrate for solution for infusion, INTRAVENOUS USE.

This decision is addressed to Merck Sharp & Dohme (UK) Ltd, 120 Moorgate, London, UNITED KINGDOM, EC2M 6UR

#### ANNEX I

#### 1. Waiver

#### 1.1 Condition:

Treatment of Hodgkin lymphoma The waiver applies / applied to: Paediatric Subset(s): The paediatric population from birth to less than 3 years of age Pharmaceutical form(s): Concentrate for solution for infusion Route(s) of administration: INTRAVENOUS USE Reason for granting waiver: on the grounds that clinical studies with the specific medicinal product cannot be expected to be of significant therapeutic benefit to or fulfil a therapeutic need of the specified paediatric subset(s).

## 2. Paediatric Investigation Plan:

#### **2.1 Condition(s):**

Treatment of Hodgkin lymphoma

# 2.2 Indication(s) targeted by the PIP:

Treatment of relapsed or refractory classical Hodgkin lymphoma in paediatric patients from 3 years to less than 18 years of age. Treatment of newly diagnosed classical Hodgkin lymphoma in paediatric patients from 3 years to less than 18 years of age.

# 2.3 Subset(s) of the paediatric population concerned by the paediatric development:

The paediatric population from 3 years to less than 18 years of age

# **2.4 Pharmaceutical Form(s):**

Concentrate for solution for infusion

# 2.5 Studies:

Study Type	Number of Studies	Study Description
<b>Quality Measures</b>	1	Study 1 Development of an age
		appropriate formulation for the
		paediatric population in case
		the simulation analyses, and
		results of the clinical study 2
		demonstration that the current ratio
		of favezelimab/ pembrolizumab (4:1)
		is not appropriate in children from 3
		years to less than 12 years of age or a
		body weight $\leq 40/\text{kg}$ .
Non-Clinical Studies	0	Not applicable.
Clinical Studies	2	Study 2 Open-label single arm,
		multicentre study to evaluate the
		safety, pharmacokinetics (Part 1-
		run in phase) and the anti-tumour
		activity (part 2-expansion phase)
		of favezelimab/ pembrolizumab
		in paediatric patients from 3 years
		to less than 18 years of age with
		relapsed or refractory classical
		Hodgkin lymphoma. Study 3
		Randomised, active controlled
		multicentre study to evaluate the
		safety, pharmacokinetics and efficacy
		of favezelimab/ pembrolizumab used
		in monotherapy or in combination
		with standard of care, compared
		to standard of care, in paediatric
		patients from 3 years to less than 18
		years of age with newly diagnosed
		classical Hodgkin lymphoma. Study

		design and study population to be agreed by the Regulatory Agency based on the results of Study 2 prior to study initiation.
Extrapolation, Modeling & Simulation Studies	1	Extrapolation Plan Study 2 is part of the extrapolation plan of efficacy data from adults to children and adolescents from 3 years to less than 18 years of age with relapsed or refractory classical Hodgkin lymphoma.
Other Studies	0	Not applicable.
Other Measures	0	Not applicable.

# 3. Follow-up, completion and deferral of a PIP:

Concerns on potential long term safety and	No
efficacy issues in relation to paediatric use:	
Date of completion of the paediatric	30/04/2034
investigation plan:	
Deferral of one or more studies contained in	Yes
the paediatric investigation plan:	